

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 8-13, 18-23 and 25-27 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 11, 21 and 25-27 have been amended. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner participating in a telephone interview with Applicant Scott LeKuch and Applicants' attorney on May 15, 2007. Mr. LeKuch explained the invention. Paragraph No. 1 of the Office Action was briefly discussed. The Examiner indicated that independent claims 1, 11 and 21 would be allowable if amended to recite that the host computing device converts the requested message to a bit map representation and transmits the bit map representation to the companion device. Independent claims 1, 11 and 21 have been so amended and, therefore, are in condition to be allowed. All of the other claims are also in condition to be allowed as they each depend on either claim 1, 11 or 21.

Dependent claims 25-27 have also been amended to cure an antecedent issue by changing "retrieved bit representation" to "bit representation".

It is noted that the Office Action did not examine dependent claims 25-27. Should this Amendment not result in a Notice of Allowance, Applicants reserve the right to request a withdrawal of the final Office Action so that dependent claims 25-27 can be examined.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-3, 8, 10-13, 18 and 20-23 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,320,587 to Funyu, hereafter Funyu.

As noted above, claims 1-3, 8, 10-13, 18 and 20-23 are in condition to be allowed.

For the reason set forth above, it is submitted that the rejection of claims 1-3, 8, 10-13, 18 and 20-23 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by Funyu is obviated by the amendment and should be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejects claims 9 and 19 under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as unpatentable over Funyu in view of Official Notice.

As noted above, claims 9 and 19 are in condition to be allowed.

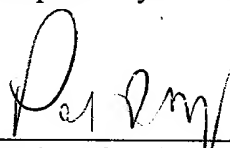
For the reasons set forth above, it is submitted that the rejection of claims 9 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) is obviated by the amendment and should be withdrawn.

It is respectfully requested for the reasons set forth above that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) and 35 U.S.C. 103(a) be withdrawn, that claims 1-3, 8-13, 18-23 and 25-27 be allowed and that this application be passed to issue.

For the reasons set forth above, it is submitted that this amendment places the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and passed to issue. If this amendment is deemed to not place the application in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that it be entered for the purpose of appeal.

Respectfully Submitted,

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